

their money, I believe, is the tobacco industry's money I believe has gone to Republicans.

And what I've been critical of is the apparent impact of this. We have evidence of the Republican Party chairman calling State Republican officials around the country, when the Republicans out in the country are thinking about doing the responsible things, to restrict access of young people to tobacco and urging them not to do certain things. And we had the repeated opposition of Senator Dole to what we're trying to do to restrict the advertising of tobacco products to children and the distribution of them, and going to areas where he thinks there will be a receptive audience for that and attacking my policies.

So what I think is, you know, we have an open and free country and people who are citizens should be able to contribute to whomever they wish. But when you see a pattern of contributions and then a dramatic difference in the policies, it is the policies and their impact on the American people that I'm most concerned about.

And the American people should look at where I stand and where he stands, and they should decide whether they agree with us. Then because all the contributions are reported, they can decide whether they think the contributions have anything to do with the policy position. That's how I think it ought to be analyzed. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:15 a.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House.

Statement on Signing the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 *July 5, 1996*

Today I have signed into law S. 1579, the "Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996." This Act will help make Government work better by reducing the burden and cost of Federal audit requirements on State and local governments and nonprofit organizations.

The Single Audit Act of 1984 replaced multiple grant-by-grant audits with a single annual or biennial audit process for State and local governments that receive Federal assist-

ance. S. 1579 builds on and improves upon the 1984 Act in several ways.

First, it will help save millions of dollars by reducing the need for costly audits without reducing essential Federal oversight. The threshold that triggers an audit requirement will be raised from \$25,000 to \$300,000. This preserves audit coverage for 95 percent of Federal assistance.

Second, the bill will reduce the audit burden for well-managed entities. Nonprofits and State and local governments that have put into operation management controls that assure the proper use of Federal assistance will be subject to less burdensome audit requirements.

Third, S. 1579 will improve the oversight of Federal assistance programs, totaling over \$250 billion annually, by focusing on the programs presenting the greatest financial risks to Government. Placing greater emphasis on program risks will ensure that Federal assistance is being used properly, while also ensuring the most effective use of Federal audit resources.

My Administration was actively involved in the development of this legislation, and strongly supported its passage. I am pleased to sign this important legislation.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
July 5, 1996.

NOTE: S. 1579, approved July 5, was assigned Public Law No. 104-156.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 29

In the morning, the President met with G-7 leaders, Russian leaders, and foreign ministers in the Plenary Room of the Contemporary Art Museum in Lyons, France.

In the afternoon, the President attended a luncheon with G-7, Russian, and international organization leaders at Parc de la Tete d'Or. He then greeted Lyons art students and reviewed their paintings.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Paris, France, where they attended a private dinner with President Jacques Chirac of France and his wife, Bernadette, at Restaurant L'Ambroisie. He then traveled to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, arriving early the following morning.

June 30

In the morning, the President met with families of U.S. Air Force personnel killed in the terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia. He then traveled to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

In the afternoon, the President met with families of U.S. Air Force personnel killed in the terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 2

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chicago, IL.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

The White House announced that the President invited Prime Minister Goran Persson of Sweden to Washington, DC, for a working visit on August 6.

July 3

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning April 28 through May 25.

July 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland. Later, he traveled to Youngstown, OH.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nomination were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released June 27¹

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the report of the Presidential Advisory Board on Arms Proliferation Policy

Released June 29

Transcripts of press briefings by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Fact sheet on the Bosnian women's initiative

Fact sheet on the U.S. demining initiative in Bosnia

Released July 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released July 2

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Goran Persson of Sweden

Released July 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Education Secretary Richard Riley on the problem of school truancy

Transcript of a press briefing by NSC Senior Director for Public Affairs David Johnson on

¹ This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.